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I. General

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The numbers in parenthesis correspond to the numbers of Annex A.

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a. Navigation Aids

- (1) Approach Buoy - 100 m. directly south of the East Breakwater Mole is a flashing buoy (white every 3 sec.). 25X1
- (2) Entrance Beacons - Green flashing every 5 sec. on end of East Breakwater Quay and red flashing every 5 sec. on end of South Breakwater Quay.

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b. Basins

- (3) Outer Basin - The outer basin has a depth of 8 to 10 meters. However, the 10 meter depth is mostly along the line running NNW from the entrance to the Inner Basin. [redacted] ship with approximately 28 ft. draft went aground off the SW corner of the jetty (item 11). 25X1
- (4) Inner Basin - The inner basin has a depth of 8 to 10 meters. The west side near the Grain Quay (item 14) has 8 meters gradually deepening to 10 meters alongside the Passenger Quay (item 12). No mooring buoys available in the Inner Basin.
- (5) Basin formed by two lumber piers (items 15 & 16) with an over-all depth of eight meters.
- (6) Basin formed by southern lumber pier and petroleum pier. The western side of this basin has not been completed.
- (7) Petroleum basin with a controlling depth of eight meters.
- (8) Fishing harbor basin with a depth of five to six meters. Russian dredgers usually tied up near the entrance to this basin.
- (9) Floating dock basin, depth seven meters, with the dock having approximately 10,000 tons capacity.

c. Quays and Piers

- (10) Navy Quay, berths Nos. 1-5 (each berth approx. 75 m. in length). Four destroyers and three new minelayers of the Rumanian Navy are usually tied up along this pier.
- (11) Jetty, berths Nos. 6 & 7 on SE side, berth No. 8 on face, and berths Nos. 9 & 10 on NW side (each berth 75 m.). On the SE side there are three traveling portal cranes of three tons each.
- (12) Passenger Quay. Berths Nos. 11 & 12 (75 m. each).
- (13) North Quay. Berths Nos. 13-16 (75 m. each). General cargo quay. Four three-ton traveling portal cranes. Two railroad tracks leading along length of quay in front of the wooden warehouses.
- (14) Grain Quay. Berths Nos. 17 - 20 (50 m. each). Loading chutes are used to deliver grain to the vessels.
- (15) Lumber Pier (southeast side of Inner Basin). Berths Nos. 21-23 on N side (75 m. each), berth No. 24 on face, berths Nos. 25 - 30 on S side as far as entrance to Fishing Harbor Basin.
- (16) New Lumber Pier - Berths Nos. 31 & 32 on eastern end of north side. The north side, along which many small rusted inoperative vessels are being renovated, is not completed. South side has berths Nos. 33 to 36.
- (17) Petroleum Pier - Only small section of north side completed. This section and the face are used as waiting berths for tankers. The building housing the fuel pump is located in about the middle of this pier.

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d. Miscellaneous

- (18) Fuel Pump Connections - There are three fuel pump connections, two on the south side of the petroleum pier and one on the western side of the basin. The fuel pump can load about 8,000 tons of fuel in 24 hours. When one connection is working at capacity, the others cannot be used.
- (19) Powerhouse - The power plant for the harbor is located at the north end of the Grain Quay. [] it supplied direct current at 220 volts. 25X1
- (20) Naval School - No recent information known. [] any radar antenna in the vicinity. 25X1
- (21) Block Houses - Some of these cement block houses were built by the Germans in World War II and some have been built since. [] never [] any guns in any of the block houses. [] never saw any gun emplacements on the eastern edge of Cape Constanta or on the south break-water. 25X1
- (22) Block House or Coastal Artillery Point - Allegedly built by the Germans for 350 mm guns. [] now in the same place there are four 280 mm guns. [] this is also true of a coastal artillery point in Igiga (?) (south of Constanta). 25X1
- (23) Radio Station Masts - No other information.
- (24) Petroleum tanks - [] cannot estimate the number. [] the silver-colored tanks appeared to be in good condition. [] the diameter at 10 m. 25X1
- (25) Main Gate - Guarded by Security Police 24 hours a day. Seamen could use this gate only.

e. Security

There are apparently no anti-submarine nets and booms in use or even available for use. 1. Constanta has no harbor control post. Vessels must wait in the turning basin for a patrol craft to come alongside before proceeding to berth (at least this is true for Rumanian vessels).

Seamen from foreign vessels could go ashore, five at a time only, from 1700 to 2000 hours. They were allowed to go where they pleased in the city of Constanta, but they were always followed by secret police and closely watched.

f. Coastline

- (1) South from Constanta to Tulza. The coastline is very steep, about 65° incline, 15 to 20 m. high. The water is very deep immediately off the shoreline, and the bottom very rocky.
- (2) North from Lake Tabacariei to Mamaia (about 10 miles). The coastline is very flat and sandy. The bottom has a gradual slope and is sandy. The area is excellent for amphibious landings.


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g. Development

A plan for the expansion of Constanta was rumored. This included construction of an east breakwater farther east and of a south breakwater farther south. 

Annex A:

 Sketch of Constanta Harbor.

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 Comment: Mine fields in the vicinity of Constanta 

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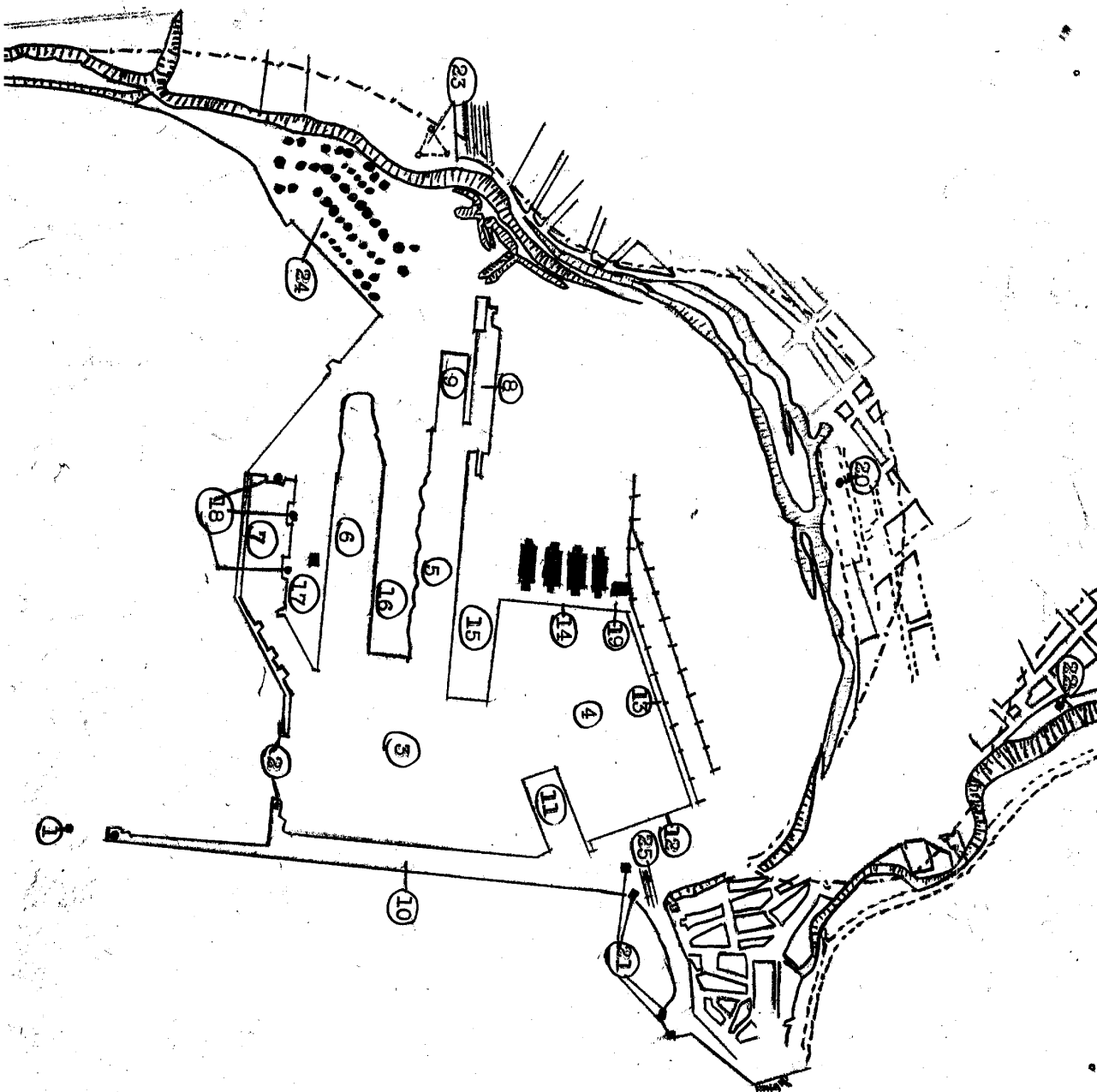
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Annex A: Sketch of Constanta Harbor

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